



COMMITTEE of the WHOLE

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES
March 10, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Council Office

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Sterner, S. Marmarou, J. Waltman, S. Fuhs, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, M. Baez, V. Spencer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

C. Younger, L. Churchill, L. Kelleher, C. Jones, T. McMahon, S. Katzenmoyer

Vaughn Spencer, President of Council, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

I. Executive Session

Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation issues. Executive session ended at 6:45 pm.

II. City Park Master Plan

Council noted its readiness to vote on the plan at the regular meeting this evening.

III. Waste Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Jones noted that the RFP for the project manager will be posted on Wednesday, March 12. He noted that Council is asked to take action this evening for the award of contract to Black and Veatch for design services. He asked that Black and Veatch be given permission to begin the work necessary before the contract is executed due to time constraints.

Mr. Spencer questioned how long the search for project manager would take and how much design could be done in the absence of a project manager. Mr. Jones replied that there are engineering issues that need to be done that are unaffected by the

naming of a project manager. He noted that this work is necessary to the project. He also noted that he is working as project manager until a firm is named.

Mayor McMahon noted that he met with the other companies to inquire why they did not bid. He was told that there are components that are too complex for their firms to accomplish in the mandated timeline. He noted the large undertaking of this project.

Mr. Waltman noted that a project as large as this one should have had a project manager long before this point. He noted that the City cannot afford to lose out on bids due to legal constraints and urged the Administration to get an extension from the DEP. Mayor McMahon noted that fighting the legal issues will waste both time and resources.

Mr. Waltman noted that he will not support awarding this contract this evening. He noted how future timelines will continue applying pressure to the project. Mayor McMahon noted that the financing may be the largest issue faced.

Mr. Jones noted that one of the last big issues that will require timeliness is acquiring the permits and approvals from the DEP. He noted the need to start the background engineering issues needed for the application reports.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested a more specific timeline. She would like both the physical needs of the construction project and the funding needs noted. Mr. Jones noted that he can provide part of that to Council. The project manager will complete a specific timeline as part of his work on the project.

Mr. Spencer questioned how far the design process can move forward without a project manager. Mr. Jones noted that changes can be made into the final design stage. He noted that some items are common to all projects. Mr. Spencer further questioned how changes made late in the design phase would affect the timeline. Mr. Jones noted that the project manager and designer will work together on value engineering and constructability reviews to control costs.

IV. Agenda Review

The Administration noted that it will be withdrawing the Ordinance to award a salary increase to the Finance Director.

Mr. Waltman noted several concerns regarding the Honeywell contract award. He feels there should be more specific benchmarks provided. He also questioned the length of the contract. Mr. Churchill noted that the length of the contract is mandated by state law.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

By: _____
Linda A. Kelleher, City Clerk